REMARKS

Applicant has noted the Examiners statement of reasons for the indication of allowable

subject matter in claims 1-15 and 17-27, namely that the Martinez U.S. Patent No. 4,778,302 does

not disclose or teach applicant's pen an key combination including a separate pen body having a first

writing end and a closed end and a separate cap.

The allowance of claims 1-15 and 17-27 is noted.

In view of the Examiner's statement, applicant has amended claim 16 to specifically call for a

separate cap.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 16 under 35 USC § 102(b) for being anticipated by the

Martinez U.S. Patent No. 4,778,302, as this rejection may be attempted to be applied to amended

claim 16, is respectfully traversed.

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In support of this traverse, applicant has amended claim 16 to call for a separate cap, a feature

the Examiner has found to distinguish applicant's pen and key combination over the prior art.

In summary, applicant submits that, for the foregoing reasons, all the claims in this

application are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that end is

requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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